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Netherlands Revolt Against Spain

The 17 provinces that made up the duchy of Burgundy were (in the mid-16th cen) the most commercially advanced in Europe. They were also part of the Habsburg empire ruled by Philip II of Spain. He made clear his intention to bring them together in a centralized system obedient to him. He also meant to introduce the Inquisition into an essentially Calvinist population. The Netherlands (northern provinces)

revolted, led by the prince of Orange, William the Silent.
It began in Brabant & Flanders in 1562.

By 1574 the rebels had succeeded in
expelling the Spanish garrisons.

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when she was 29, Queen Elizabeth
had near-fatal case of small
pox which left her face
pockmarked.

1562 Wars of Religion Start in France

For nearly 40 yrs France was absorbed in a series of petty and inconclusive wars, fought between noble factions for control of the throne and bringing in their train the long struggle of the French Protestants, or Huguenots, for religious and civil liberty. Trouble started in 1559 with the death of Henry II, which left the crown in the hands of his widow, Catherine de' Medici, and their weak sons, Francis II, Charles IX and Henry III. The provincial nobility, resentful of

central authority, saw its opportunity to make gains
in a country rendered unstable by the economic
costs of the long Habsburg - Valois wars and the
growing strength of the Calvinist Church. Determined
fighting, prolonged by intervention of Spain and Rome on
the side of the Catholic monarchy, and England, Holland
and some German princes on the Huguenot side broke
out in 1562. It was the bloodiest in the Third War (1568/70)
which ended in substantial Huguenot gains. By the
Treaty of St. Germain (1570), they were given the right
to fortify 4 Citadels. Reverses over the next 3 years
decided were made good in 1598 when the wars
ended and Henry IV granted the Huguenots almost
full tolerance in the EDICT OF NANTES

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Third session of Council of
Trent, in which no Protestants
take part.

Massacre of Vassy. A Paris
French were at religion